

Auditor's Election Calendar

2018

Primary Election Day:

Tuesday, June 05, 2018

Text in blue = Secretary of State's Office Text in green = Political Parties Text in black = County Auditor

Days
From
Election

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-15 From Caucus	Sunday, January 21, 2018	Political Parties: First Caucus Location Publication. Political parties must publish a list of caucus locations and an attendance invitation at least two times. First publication must occur not more than 15 days and not less than 7 days before caucus date.	§43.92
-7 From Caucus	Monday, January 29, 2018	Caucus Locations Filed With County Auditors. Caucus locations and the number of delegates to be chosen in each precinct must be filed with the auditor at least seven days before the date of the caucuses. The auditor determines the number of delegates to be chosen from each precinct if the party chairs do not file them on time. Political Parties: Second Caucus Location Publication. Second publication must occur not more than 7 days before and not later than the date of the caucus.	§43.4, 43.90 §43.92
	Monday, February 05, 2018	Caucus Day. Democratic, Libertarian and Republican parties' precinct caucuses.	§43.4
-120	Monday, February 05, 2018	First day to submit Absentee Requests Absentee Requests received prior to 120 days before Election Day shall be returned to the requestor.	§53.2(1)(a)
14 From Caucus	Monday, February 19, 2018	Voter Registration Forms Delivery Deadline. All voter registration forms completed at the caucuses must be delivered to the auditor within 14 days after the caucuses.	§43.4
-99	Monday, February 26, 2018	State and Federal Candidate Filing Begins. First day for Democratic, Libertarian and Republican candidates for state and federal offices to file nomination papers with the Secretary of State.	§43.11(2)
-92	Monday, March 05, 2018	County Candidate Filing Begins. First day for Democratic, Libertarian and Republican candidates for county offices to file nomination papers with the auditor.	§43.11(1)
-90	Wednesday, March 07, 2018	Review of Polling Place Accessibility. Deadline to determine if polling places must be re-inspected.	IAC 721—21.50(3)
-89	Thursday, March 08, 2018	Vacancy Deadline – U.S. Senate and Statewide Offices. U.S. senate and statewide offices (except governor and Lt. governor) must appear on the primary election ballot if a vacancy in the office occurs on or before this date.	§43.6(1)
-81	Friday, March 16, 2018	Filing Deadline – State and Federal. Last day for Democratic, Libertarian and Republican candidates to file nomination papers with the Secretary of State. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§43.11(2)

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-76	Wednesday, March 21, 2018	Withdrawal Deadline – State and Federal. Last day for candidates who filed with the Secretary of State to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the SOS.	§43.16
-74	Friday, March 23, 2018	Objection Deadline – State and Federal. Last day to file written objections to nomination petitions with the Secretary of State. Vacancy Deadline – County. County offices must appear on the primary election ballot if a vacancy in the office occurs on or before this date.	§43.24(1)(b)(1) §43.6(2)
-71	Monday, March 26, 2018	Substitution Deadline – State and Federal. Last day political parties may designate to the Secretary of State a substitute candidate for another who withdrew or died by the State/Federal Withdrawal Deadline. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§43.23(1)
-69	Wednesday, March 28, 2018	Filing Deadline – County. Last day for Democratic, Libertarian and Republican candidates for county offices to file with the auditor. Deadline is 5 p.m. Certification Deadline – State and Federal. Last day for the Secretary of State to certify candidates' names to the auditor.	§43.11(1) §43.22
		Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.	§47.2(6)
	Tuesday, February 06, 2018 through Thursday, April 05, 2018	Caucus Registrations Processed. The last day to process voter registration forms completed at precinct caucuses is 45 days after the forms are delivered by the political party chair. This deadline will vary depending on which day the forms were received.	§48A.26(1)(b)
-67	Friday, March 30, 2018	Withdrawal Deadline – County. Last day for candidates who filed nomination papers with the auditor to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the auditor.	§43.16
-64	Monday, April 02, 2018	Objection Deadline – County. Last day to file written objections to nomination petitions with the auditor.	§43.24(1)(b)(2)
-63	Tuesday, April 03, 2018	Substitution Deadline – County. Last day political parties may designate to the auditor a substitute candidate for another who withdrew or died by the County Withdrawal Deadline. Deadline is 5 p.m. Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m. if a substitution possibility exists.	§43.23(2)
60 From Caucus	Friday, April 06, 2018	Caucus Report Deadline. Democratic, Libertarian and Republican central committees must certify to the auditor the names of delegates to the county convention, the names of people elected as party committee members and the names and addresses of caucus participants within 60 days after the precinct caucuses.	§43.4(4), 43.91

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-47	Thursday, April 19, 2018	<p>Satellite Voting Petitions Deadline. A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 47th day before the election.</p> <p>At least seven days before the first day of a satellite, the auditor must notify the political parties' chairpersons of the date, time, and location of a satellite so the parties may appoint observers.</p> <p>Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.</p>	§53.11(2)(a), 53.11(5)
-45	Saturday, April 21, 2018	UOCAVA absentee ballots must be ready to mail 45 days before the election. Regular absentee ballots must be mailed as soon as they are ready, but not before 29 days before the election.	§53.8(1), 53.39(2), 53.40(2)
-30	Sunday, May 06, 2018 Moves to Monday, May 07, 2018	<p>Election Board Names Due. Last day for the chairpersons of county Democratic and Republican parties to designate the names of precinct election officials for the two-year election board to the auditor.</p> <p>Last day for city councils and school boards to designate the names of precinct election officials for the two-year election board to the auditor.</p> <p><i>This deadline falls on Sunday and is therefore moved to the next business day, Monday.</i></p>	§49.15(2)(a)
-29	Monday, May 07, 2018	<p>Absentee Ballots Ready. First day absentee ballots may be voted in the auditor's office. Auditors must review all affidavits upon receipt.</p> <p>Health Care Facility Delivery. Within 10 days after ballots are printed, the auditor may send teams to deliver ballots to residents and patients of health care facilities. After this 10 day window, ballots cannot be delivered to health care facilities again until the 14th day before the election.</p>	§53.10, 53.18(2) §53.8(3), 53.22(1)(a)
-28	Tuesday, May 08, 2018	<p>No Special Elections Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.</p>	§39.2(1)(a)
-21	Tuesday, May 15, 2018	<p>No Special Elections Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.</p>	§39.2(1)(a)
-20	Wednesday, May 16, 2018	<p>Publications Begin. First day to publish notice of changes in polling places (this includes temporary changes and any polling places that have been changed since the last primary election).</p> <p>First day the auditor may publish notice of the primary election and sample ballot. The notice of election must include an accessibility notice.</p> <p>Last Day for Auditor to Finalize Election Board Panel. Last day for auditor to finalize election board panels for elections for the next two years.</p>	49.23 §49.53, IAC 721—21.50(10) §49.15(1)

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-15	Monday, May 21, 2018	Worry-Free Postmark Date. Mailed voter registration forms which are postmarked on or before today are considered on time to be pre-registered for the primary election even if they are received after pre-registration deadline. Last Day to Appoint Precinct Election Officials. Appointed by the auditor.	§48A.9(2) §49.13(1)
-14	Tuesday, May 22, 2018	No Special Elections Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies. Health Care Facility Delivery. Teams may resume delivery of absentee ballots to residents and patients of health care facilities.	§39.2(1)(a) §53.22(1)(a)
-11	Friday, May 25, 2018	Voter Pre-Registration Deadline. The deadline to pre-register to vote for the primary election is 5 p.m. This applies to registration in person (including registration at driver's license stations or agencies) or by mail. Exceptions: Mailed registration forms postmarked on or before the worry-free postmark date, are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m. today. After today, a person may register to vote at the auditor's office or at a satellite absentee voting station and vote an absentee ballot. The process is the same as for registering to vote on election day. Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is 5 p.m. Auditor's office must be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.	§48A.9(1) §48A.9(3) §48A.7A(3) §53.2(1)(b) §48A.9(2)
-8	Monday, May 28, 2018	Memorial Day Holiday – State Offices Closed.	§1C.1
-7	Tuesday, May 29, 2018	No Special Elections Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
-4	Friday, June 01, 2018	Publication Deadline. Last day to publish notice of election, sample ballot, and polling place changes. The notice of election must include an accessibility notice. Last Day to Submit Written Challenges to Absentee Voters. A person qualified to vote in the election may submit a written challenge to the qualifications of an absentee voter until 5 p.m. in the auditor's office (observers witnessing the processing of absentee ballots may submit challenges on the day before the election, and until the polls close on Election Day.) Absentee Affidavits. Last day for auditor to review absentee affidavits received by 5 p.m. Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.	§49.23, 49.53, IAC 721—21.50(10) §53.31(1) §53.18(2)
-3	Saturday, June 02, 2018	Auditors' Offices Open. The auditor's office must be open for at least 8 hours for absentee voting and other election business.	§47.2(5)

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-3 through Election Day	Saturday, June 02, 2018 through Election Day at 5 p.m.	Voters admitted to hospitals or nursing homes after 12 a.m. three days before the election may call to request delivery of an absentee ballot. Deadline for a telephone request is 5 p.m. on election day.	§53.22(2)
-1	Monday, June 04, 2018	<p>Equipment Testing Deadline. Last day to test voting equipment. Keep testing results in election files. Testing must be completed by 7 p.m.</p> <p>PEO Training Deadline. Last day for training precinct election officials.</p> <p>Last Day for Voters to Fix Incomplete Affidavits. Voters have until 5 p.m. to fix incomplete affidavit envelopes.</p> <p>Auditor May Convene ASVP Board. The board may review affidavits and decide which ballots to accept for counting. If secrecy envelopes were enclosed with all absentee ballots, the auditor may direct the board to open affidavit envelopes and remove the secrecy envelopes. The board must NOT remove ballots from secrecy envelopes or examine or count any ballots.</p> <p>Notify the county political party chairpersons of the time the ASVP board will be convened.</p> <p>Absentee Ballot In-Person Deadline. Last day to request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the auditor's office.</p> <p>Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m. if there are incomplete absentee ballots in need of correction.</p>	<p>§52.35</p> <p>§49.124(1)</p> <p>§53.18(2)</p> <p>§53.23(3)(b)(1)</p> <p>§53.23(3)(b)(1)</p> <p>§53.2(1)(a)</p>
0	Tuesday, June 05, 2018	<p>Primary Election Day. Polls open 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.</p> <p>Electronically Submitted Absentee Ballot Requests Must be Matched with Originals. If an electronic or faxed request was submitted, original absentee ballot requests must be received by the time the polls close on Election Day. If the original does not arrive on time or was postmarked after the Deadline to Request Absentee Ballots, the ballot cannot be counted. Notify the voter that the ballot was rejected. This requirement does not apply to UOCAVA voters.</p>	<p>§43.7, 49.73</p> <p>IAC 721—21.2(2)</p>
2	Thursday, June 07, 2018	<p>Post Number of Provisional Ballots. Number of provisional ballots cast in each precinct must be posted no later than 9 a.m. on the second day after the election.</p> <p>ASVP Board May Reconvene. ASVP board may reconvene no earlier than noon on Thursday to consider provisional ballots and absentee ballots that were postmarked on the day before the election or earlier.</p>	<p>§50.20</p> <p>§50.21, 50.22</p>
6	Monday, June 11, 2018	<p>Absentee Ballot Deadline – Noon. Absentee ballots that were postmarked the day before the election or earlier and received by noon today are considered to be on time to be counted.</p>	§53.17(2)

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6 OR 7	Monday, June 11, 2018 OR Tuesday, June 12, 2018	ASVP Board Reconvenes. ASVP board reconvenes if necessary to canvass absentee ballots postmarked on the day before the election or earlier, and received by noon on the first Monday after Election Day.	\$50.22
		County Canvass of Votes. May occur either on Monday or Tuesday.	\$43.49
		Board of Supervisors must publish offices and names of candidates nominated and offices for which no one was nominated.	\$43.62
		Abstracts and Election Canvass Summary by Political Party. Mail signed originals to the Secretary of State by thirteen days after Election Day. Must be signed by a majority of the board.	\$43.60, 50.30, 50.30A
		Notify Political Parties. Certify to the county political party chairs the list of party candidates for county offices who were nominated and for which office they were nominated as well as a list of offices for which no party candidate was nominated. The names of candidates who received votes for offices in which no nomination was made and the candidate vote totals must be included.	\$43.55
		Notify Write-In Nominees. Auditor must notify people nominated by write-in votes for county offices that they must file an affidavit of candidacy within seven days of the canvass by 5 p.m. if they wish to have their name on the general election ballot.	\$43.54, 43.66, 43.67
7	Tuesday, June 12, 2018	No Special Elections Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.	\$39.2(1)(a)
9 OR 10	Thursday, June 14, 2018 OR Friday, June 15, 2018	Recount Request Deadline. Written requests for a recount must be filed with the auditor by 5 p.m. on the third day after the county canvass of votes. Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.	\$43.56, 50.48(1)(a)
13	Monday, June 18, 2018	County Abstracts of Votes and Canvass Summaries due. Deadline to forward original abstracts of votes and canvass summaries to the SOS. Must be signed by a majority of the board.	\$43.60, 50.30, 50.30A
13 OR 14	Monday, June 18, 2018 OR Tuesday, June 19, 2018 (7th Day after the Canvass)	Write-In Nominees Filing Deadline – County Offices. Final day for people nominated by write-in votes for county offices to file an affidavit of candidacy if they wish to have their names on the general election ballot. Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m. if a candidate who received enough write-in votes to be nominated has not yet filed an affidavit.	\$43.54, 43.66, 43.67
14	Tuesday, June 19, 2018	No Special Election Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.	\$39.2(1)(a)

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21	Tuesday, June 26, 2018	No Special Election Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
		EDR Acknowledgement Deadline. Last day to mail acknowledgements to voters who registered and voted after the primary election pre-registration deadline.	§48A.26A(1)
27	Monday, July 02, 2018	State Canvass of Votes Must be Complete.	§43.63, 50.38
		Secretary of State must notify write-in nominees for state and federal offices that they must file an affidavit of candidacy with the SOS by 5 p.m. seven days after the state canvass, in order to have their names on the general election ballot.	§43.66, 43.67
28	Tuesday, July 03, 2018	No Special Election Today. This includes special elections to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
29	Wednesday, July 04, 2018	Independence Day Observed – State Offices Closed	§1C.1
60	Saturday, August 04, 2018	Deadline to Update Voter History. Last day to add voter election participation information in I-VOTERS.	§48A.38(2)